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TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), HO

SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT - CALL ON THE CHIEF OF STATE

REF: (A) TEGUCIGALPA 0205, (B) 77 TEGUCIGALPA 5071,

(C) 77 STATE 274975

- 1. EMBASSY WAS FINALLY ABLE THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY MORE DETAILED INFO ON CHIEF OF STATE'S PLANS TO RECEIVE TODMAN AT 4:00 P.M., JANUARY 24.
- 2. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER INFORMED US THAT AFTER EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES LASTING ABOUT TEN MINUTES, CHIEF OF STATE PLANS TO ESCORT TODMAN AND PARTY TO PRESIDENTIAL SALON WHERE THEY WILL BE JOINTED BY "ECONOMIC CABINET" COMPOSED OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVISER CESAR BATRES, ECONOMIC MINISTER BENJAMIN VILLANUEVA, FINANCE MINISTER RAFAEL LEONARDO CALLEJAS, CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT GUILLERMO BUESO, AND ARTURO CORLETO, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SUPERIOR ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL. APPARENTLY TEAM WILL BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE GENERAL BRIEFING ON HONDURAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

  SPECIFIC SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE RAISED ARE THE EL CAJON HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT (TEGUCIGALPA 0205), GOH REQUEST FOR U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE SENSING PROJECT, AND AGRARIAN REFORM. SINCE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM IS TO BE RAISED, WE ASSUME THAT FABIO DAVID SALGADO, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE, WILL ALSO ATTEND. FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE PRESENT THOUGHOUT MEETING.

3. GOH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REMOTE SENSING IS IN

RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S OFFER MADE DURING HIS BILATERAL WITH MELGAR IN WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER. MELGAR WROTE LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OCTOBER 26 (TRANSMITTED TEGUCIGALPA REF B) AND PRESIDENT RESPONDED IN LETTER DEPARTMENT TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY NOVEMBER 16 (REF C). PRESIDENT INFORMED CHIEF OF STATE THAT NASA OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO VISIT HONDURAS TO DISCUSS WAYS TO USE REMOTE-SENSING DATE TO IDENTIFY, MAP, AND EVALUATE THE COUNTRY'S NATURAL RESOURCES. SINCE THE AID HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE SUPERIOR ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL (CONSUPLANE) TO REQUEST MORE DETAILED DATA ON THE HONDURAN REQUEST. A CABLE REQUEST TO NASA FOR THAT AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE WILL BE SENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS BASED UPON THESE ONGOING CONSULTATIONS. JARAMILLO

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